

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 650
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A RESOLUTION to honor and commend George Vibbert for his outstanding career in banking and for laudable service to his community and the people of Tennessee.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those citizens who through their extraordinary efforts have distinguished themselves in their chosen professions and as community leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, one such noteworthy person is George Vibbert, who joined American City Bank of Tullahoma in 1974 as an original incorporator and became its president; over the past 29 years under his leadership, American City Bank has become a leading financial institution in southern Middle Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Vibbert earned a Bachelor of Science degree in General Business Administration from Middle Tennessee State University and went on to complete both the Graduate School of Banking at Louisiana State University and the Tennessee Bankers Commercial Lending School at Vanderbilt University; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his work with American City Bank of Tullahoma, Mr. Vibbert has found time to lend his remarkable talents to serve five consecutive terms as Mayor of Tullahoma and six years as Chairman of the Administrative Board of the First United Methodist Church of Tullahoma; and

WHEREAS, George Vibbert has also served astutely as Chairman of the Tullahoma Industrial Development Board, Chairman of the Tullahoma Utilities Board, President of the Tullahoma Chamber of Commerce, President of the Tullahoma Kiwanis Club, member of the Tullahoma Rotary Club, Chairman of the Coffee County Vocational Training Program and Vice Chairman of the Coffee County Joint Industrial Park Committee; and

WHEREAS, highly regarded in banking and local government circles outside his community and county, Mr. Vibbert has served with distinction as a Director of the Tennessee Bankers Association, the Tennessee Municipal League, the South Central Tennessee Development District and the Middle Tennessee Health System Agency; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Vibbert was the co-author of the well received *Easy Money - How to Get a Bank Loan* and in 1971 was named by the Tullahoma Jaycees as "Young Man of the Year"; and

WHEREAS, George Vibbert epitomizes the spirit and commitment that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; he is most grateful for the love and companionship he shares with his wife, Elwanda Sawyer Vibbert, with whom he has recently celebrated 40 years of marriage; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds it appropriate to pause in its deliberations to acknowledge and applaud George Vibbert for his dedication to both his chosen profession and to the state of Tennessee and its citizens; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and commend George Vibbert for his meritorious service as a banker and community leader of unquestioned judgment and ability, thank him for his efforts in behalf of the Citizens of Tullahoma, Coffee County and the State of Tennessee and extend to him our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.